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In re Application of :
Yoko Asakura et al :
Serial No.: 09/577,005 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: January 10, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: 0010-1108-0 :

This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 9, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application .

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on December 14, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicants on September 24, 2002. Applicants present evidence of timely filing of a RCE request and extension of time on June 14, 2002. The original submission has not been located and the copy of the reply submitted with the petition will be used in lieu thereof. In view of the evidence presented, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to entry of the RCE papers and further action as warranted.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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